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The steamship *Satsuma*, for New York via Suez, was fumigated in part to destroy rats.

There were only 2 cases of smallpox last week. There was none during the past seven days.

The municipal authorities will begin the spring antiplague cleaning next week.

Instructions for the detection and prevention of cholera are being issued by the metropolitan police and at a meeting of the police officials of the Empire April 9 the subject of prevention of trachoma by school and factory inspection and control, making employers liable for expenses, was thoroughly discussed.

Smallpox on steamship Alesia—Summary of examination of emigrants, month of April, 1908—House cleansing—Cholera at Navy Medical School.

May 1: During the week ended April 25 bills of health were issued to 5 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 59 saloon and 361 steerage passengers, and 576 members of crews. Of these vessels, 3 were bound for Manila, 1 for San Francisco via Honolulu, and 1 for Portland, Oreg.

One Chinese sailor on the *Alesia* from Hongkong for Portland was removed on account of smallpox. The crew was bathed and their effects were disinfected by the local authorities, the crew being vaccinated afterwards under supervision of this office.

During the month ended April 30, 508 intending steerage passengers for the United States or possessions were examined with reference to tuberculosis and the loathsome and dangerous diseases contemplated by the immigration laws, of whom 28 were recommended for rejection, 90 detained for treatment, 388 passed, and 333 certified.

Five hundred and sixty-four persons, 139 bound for Canada, were bathed and had their effects disinfected; 1,327 pieces of baggage, 1 lot of human hair, and 2 trunks were disinfected.

Health conditions in this community are very good at present. Two cases of smallpox were reported last week.

The annual spring cleaning of all native quarters is being carried on now, and consists in emptying every house and shop in the block, while the house is scrubbed and floors are taken up in order to look for rats.

The cholera outlook for this part of Japan is not good. In January and in February there were 1 or 2 cases in Tokyo.

April 22 a servant in the Navy Medical School was reported ill with cholera and removed to the hospital, and the following day 2 of the student officers there and 1 who had just gone to Odawara were attacked with the same disease, the diagnosis being proved in the laboratory. No account has been given out as to the origin. To-day a case is reported in Asakusa, one part of Tokyo.

No case has been reported here.

Examination of emigrants.

Number of emigrants per steamship *America Maru* April 22: For Honolulu, recommended for rejection, 4; advised to wait, 15.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Siberia* April 29: For Honolulu, rejected, 5; advised to wait, 6.

Per steamship *Tosa Maru* April 29: For Seattle, rejected, 4; advised to wait, 16.

Per steamship *Minnesota* May 1: For Seattle, 1.

Of these rejections and detentions all were for trachoma.

Reports from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox diminishing—Special quarantine restrictions withdrawn—Plague and smallpox at Osaka.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, April 21 and 29:

During the week ended April 18, 3 supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships; 327 members of crews and 134 steerage passengers were inspected. Their effects were disinfected by steam. One hundred and twenty members of crews and 85 steerage passengers were bathed. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 967. Manifests were viséed for 7,861 pieces of freight, amounting to 1,078 tons. Vaccination certificates were issued to 85 persons. Eleven compartments of 2 vessels were disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *America Maru*, for Honolulu, passed, 82; recommended for rejection, 80; steamship *America Maru*, for San Francisco, passed, 3; recommended for rejection, 2.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show 2 cases of smallpox, with 2 deaths at Kobe.

The report from Osaka for the week ended April 11, shows 126 cases of smallpox, with 114 deaths, and plague, 2 cases, with 2 deaths; and for week ended April 18, 73 cases of smallpox, with 43 deaths, and 3 cases of plague, with 2 deaths.

In view of the fact that smallpox has almost disappeared from Kobe, the special restrictions imposed on account of the epidemic in this port of that disease have been withdrawn from this date. From the day when the disease was declared to be epidemic here, December 7, 1907, until to-day there have been 5,098 cases and 1,740 deaths in Kobe alone.

For the past five weeks smallpox has decreased continuously in severity in Osaka. During the week ended March 14 there were 306 cases reported, with 101 deaths.

During the week ended April 25, 6 supplemental bills of health were granted to 6 steamships; 736 members of crews and 684 steerage passengers were inspected, 47 members of crews and 248 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 1,268. Manifests were viséed for 38,027 pieces of freight, amounting to 3,443 tons. Vaccination certificates were issued to 2 persons. The crew's quarters of 1 vessel were cleansed and disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Tosa Maru*, for Seattle, passed, 119, recommended for rejection, 63; steamship *Siberia*, for Honolulu, passed, 100, recommended for rejection, 65; and steamship *Siberia*, for San Francisco, passed, 2, recommended for rejection, 2.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show: Smallpox 1 case and 1 death.

Report from Nagasaki—Examination of emigrants.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

April 23. Number of emigrants per steamship *Siberia* recommended for rejection, 5.